

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 198

By Haynes

A RESOLUTION to recognize Eddie Partlow on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those exemplary professionals who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Partlow is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-seven years as the General Manager of the Old Hickory Utility District; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partlow took a much deserved retirement in February of 2009; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee, Eddie Partlow earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Tennessee Tech University and pursued his education further when he earned a Master's Degree in Mathematics from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College; and

WHEREAS, finished with higher education, Mr. Partlow worked as a school teacher and a construction supervisor until 1982, when he first came to the Old History Utility District; and

WHEREAS, at the time of Mr. Partlow's hiring to the Utility District, revenues were low, and only about forty percent of the meters were in working condition; and

WHEREAS, under Eddie Partlow's astute direction, however, the district began to see countless improvements to such essentials as the water distribution system, the sewer collection system, the water treatment plant, and non-working meters, which were soon replaced, drastically increasing revenues; and

WHEREAS, actively involved in his industry, Mr. Partlow has dedicated his time and energies to the American Water Works Association, the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts, and the Tennessee Water Quality Management Association, which he chaired in 1994; and

WHEREAS, he has also devoted countless hours attending Tennessee Certification Board meetings, and he continually stressed the importance of certification to all of his employees; he holds certification in Grade IV water treatment, Grade I water distribution, and Grade I sewer collection systems; and

WHEREAS, for excellence in financial operations, Eddie Partlow was presented with the H.B. Rossen Manager of the Year Award in 2001 by the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Partlow is looking forward to enjoying his retirement with his lovely wife of forty-one years, Barbara Partlow; he also anticipates gardening, woodworking, traveling, and spending time with his family; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving father of Amy and Troy and the proud grandfather of Tyler and Rebecca; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep convictions, Mr. Partlow has been a faithful member of the Hermitage United Methodist Church since 1970; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Partlow exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Partlow has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues for his kindness and generosity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Eddie Partlow our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.